

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT.

An Observer's Reflections Upon Some of the Weak Points of Modern Society.

The Opening Night at the New Hotel and the Fair Hop of the Season's Events.

Pleasant Social Happenings Past and to Come—Personal and General Mention.

I came across a little book the other day which, although it cannot be said to bear the imprint of any very deep thought, contains many wholesome truths and is sufficiently amusing to be very well worth perusal. It is entitled "The Bad Habits of Good Society," and reflects upon that great class of people whose moneyed influence and not their social worth has been instrumental in placing them on the somewhat precarious pinnacle of social fame. The author of this work, if not a deep thinker, is at least a close observer and his remarks upon "Staircase Follies," "Lunch Keys," "Hot House Children," "Late Hours," "Gilded Youth," "Adjectives of All Words," "Carriage Bells," and "Anglomaniacs" are pertinent and well timed to the age in which we live, while the wholesome manner in which he attacks the too frequent abuse of the champagne bottle at public and even private entertainments, "where young girls are often compelled to listen to such stuff 'as would make angels weep,'" has a good deal more truth than most of the style. It is not over a year ago in Helena at a large reception that the absence of anything stronger than claret punch was commented upon, and the reason d'être given was that there were "men present who might forget themselves, and so doing become totally oblivious of the presence of the gentler sex."

In "Adjectives of All Words" he comments upon the qualifying terms used by a great many young ladies such as "awful nice," "too lovely for anything," and "too cute to live." Of course when a man is "too cute to live" he is only a man in source left, and even death leaves a grave doubt as to whether his earthly existence will fit him for such a position. He is unquestionably become a component part of almost every young lady's education; and on the tennis ground, or even in the ball room slang phrases are quite as often the rule as the exception.

I asked a friend the other day whether he visited the new hotel? His answer was, "I started to get there twice but have always been kissed out." He was not enough about the game of billiards to comprehend his meaning. Society, however, is such a very "kissed out" game, that such a thin roof, that throwing stones is strictly prohibited. Therefore, while I admire the man who has had courage enough in the nineteenth century to point out the dangers attending staircase follies, over indulgence at the supper table, and the true understanding of "men" and "women," I am afraid the publisher will be the only one to derive any actual benefit from the sale of his work.

A Popular Report.

The new hotel bids fair to become very popular. The opening night, barring the accident to the bath, was a success, while the dance on Friday night was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all participating. One thing at last can be said—there is a hotel which is in every particular first class, and from the number of dinner parties informally made up and bathing parties who go in just for the novelty of the thing, but who come out fully determined to try it again, it really looks as if this big enterprise would prove a successful one. Fancy bathing suits will of course become all the go, and while I must confess that the simplest black or gray in plain colors trimmed with white or in the last instance black braid seem to me to be the most becoming colors, yet it is safe to assert that some startling costumes will be discovered ere the close of the season. There are some splendid swimmers, too, among Helena's fair daughters, and one lady who has but lately taken upon herself the care and responsibility of wedded life takes to water with an infinitely greater zest than many men do.

The Week at the Fair.

The fair has drawn the social element out fairly well and for the nonce converted them into keen and enthusiastic admirers of horses, cows, dogs, fancy work and racing. The dogs drew well and quite an interest was shown by the fair sex in the very large and very small animals, "the two and two" not apparently meriting their approval. The racing was, I understand, fair, if you only knew which horse was intended to win.

General Mention.

It was a pleasure to see so many Butte people at the Fair hop, and as a young lady from the Smoky City said, "I haven't been home for nearly a month and honestly think Helena is the nicest place in Montana to live in." This may not have been loyal to the Silver City, but it was at least candid and certainly true.

The return of the Nimrod was celebrated at Mr. F. R. Wallace's house on Broadway Friday night by a champagne supper, to which all those who had shot and fished in the company were invited. Everyone present enjoyed the evening immensely. Fish stories were told and bear tales indulged in, while bare facts took care of themselves. The trip, however, proved a successful one. Three bears were sighted and one was shot, while a quantity of large game and smaller fowl fell to the hunters' lot. Mr. Carrington was the lucky man who hit the bear, but his royal bear-ness is still at large.

Messrs. George Child, E. Patenaude, A. F. Smith, G. L. Helms, L. Luke and Wm. Wilson, of the United States geological survey party, leave for the park on Saturday next. It is their intention to camp out instead of going through the regular hotel routine, and put in their spare time fishing and photographing all they can catch en route.

Relics of the Fair hop were to be seen at a comparatively early hour yesterday morning at many of the principal offices in town, but the general opinion seemed to be that the fourth annual Fair Hop was by far the most successful dance ever given in Helena.

Butte was very well represented at the Fair Hop on Friday night and the elegant costumes and general good looks of the fair contingent from the Smoky City created quite a ripple of excitement among our usually placid social swells. Among those present were Mrs. Thomas Lavelle, Mrs. Hugo, Miss May Clark, Miss Frankie Horst, Miss Evans, Miss Black, Miss Wheeler and Miss Kenyon. Nearly all these ladies, with the exception of Miss Horst and Miss Clark, returned yesterday.

Someone asked if the name of the proprietor of our new hotel could have in any way suggested the idea of building the big plunge bath. A query like this it repeated will assuredly get the inquiring party into hot water.

There is to be a dance given in Marysville on Friday of next week, which the gentlemen connected with the Drum Lumum mine are interested in getting up.

Judge and Mrs. Bach, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Huntley and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childs have returned from their hunting and camping out expedition to the Belt moun-

tains. Judge Bach caught a trout which, after being cleaned, weighed over three pounds, and could not have weighed less than three and one-fourth when first caught. The ladies proved themselves to be experts also, and all returned feeling very much better for the outing.

There were some exchanges of hats made at the hop on Friday night, which made at least one or two men unhappy. It is rumored that a party will be given on Madison avenue next week.

Personal Mention.

The Miss Frankie and Miss Laura Horst are guests of Miss Kink.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Huntley and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Child are staying at the new Broadwater Hotel.

Miss Clarke, a daughter of Mr. W. A. Clarke, is a guest of Mr. C. W. Cannon. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Childs will return to Great Falls to-morrow.

Dr. Pleasant is going to build a new house back of Mr. Corey's on Hauser Avenue.

Mrs. D. W. Fisk and Mrs. O. J. Salisbury leave to-morrow for Butte, where they will be the guests of Mrs. W. A. Clark.

Mr. J. Wells and J. V. Jerome have returned from their visit to the country.

Mrs. J. D. Wilson returned to Helena last week after an extended visit to the East.

W. Porter and his wife are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith on Raleigh street.

NEGROES AT A WHITE HEAT.

The Baneful Results Produced by Incendiary Bryant's Newspaper Article.

Birmingham, Ala. special: Unless some cool heads step to the front and better judgment prevails, there is going to be a startling race war one of these days in Alabama. Birmingham is in a subdued state of excitement and the men look at each other with anxious faces as if saying: "What next?" The excitement at Selma, growing out of the recent inflammatory utterances of the negro Bryant took on new life by means of being sworn out for the negro editors, Bryant, Jones and Clark of the Independent. When the sheriff went to the office he was told that the editors had left town. A few minutes afterwards Elders Nixon, Shaw, Elliott, Strong and Taylor of Bryant's church went before Mayor Starr and negotiated for the surrender of Bryant, Jones and Clark. But even while thus engaged they themselves were being sworn out by the sheriff. This, of course, again terribly excited both the negroes and the whites. Following on the heels of this, upon the most frequented thoroughfare of Birmingham Police Officer Thad Ward shot down and instantly killed Pinkey Eason, a negro, whom he was attempting to arrest for some trivial offense, and who ran. The shooting was unjustifiable and is condemned by all law-abiding citizens.

The Evening News, a staunch democratic paper, and edited by an ex-Confederate and two southern boys, says of this shooting: "The killing of this negro is a murder. It is an outrage on the law, and a reproach to our civilization. It is another black spot on Birmingham's fair name." The News appeals to the law officers of Jefferson county to see to it that justice be administered in this case. No mock trial will satisfy a righteous public opinion. The life of the humblest man, white or black, should be protected and not sacrificed by police officers. The safety of the citizens walking the streets of Birmingham is imperiled. Had the fatal bullet not killed the negro, whom would it have murdered? Never was murder less justifiable.

It is said the negroes, of whom there are thousands in this valley, are holding indignation meetings, but nothing is likely to be done. The law, as was so terribly demonstrated last December, will prevail.

Triennial Conclave Knights Templar, Washington, D. C.

The Union Pacific Railway company will sell excursion tickets from Helena to Washington, D. C., and return, for the above meeting, at the rate of \$75.35 for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale from October 1 to 4, inclusive, good going until October 8; good returning in trunk line territory until October 18, final limit, October 21.

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Cure For Piles.

Itching piles are known by moisture like perspiration, producing a very disagreeable itching after getting warm. This can be cured by using the Dr. Bosanck's Pile Remedy, which acts directly upon the parts affected, absorbing the tumors, allaying the intense itching and effecting a permanent cure. Address: The Dr. Bosanck Medicine Company, Piqua, O. Sold by R. S. Hale & Co.

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This medicine can always be depended upon, not only in the milder forms of summer complaint, but also for malignant dysentery and cholera infantum. The lives of many persons, and especially children, are saved by it each year. It is pleasant, safe and reliable. For sale by H. M. Parthen & Co.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. S. Hale & Co.

Harvest Excursion Rates from Missouri River Points to Montana.

The Union Pacific railway company will sell harvest excursion tickets from Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Joseph, Leavenworth and Kansas City to Montana points on the following dates at one fare for the round trip: \$48.00 Aug. 6 and 20, Sept. 10 and 24, and Oct. 8; extreme limit thirty days from date of sale; stop-over privileges allowed returning.

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Is one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs or Chest, such as Consumption, Influenza, Croup, Whooping Cough, Croup, etc., etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon. Trial bottles free at R. S. Hale & Co.'s drug store.

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A man charged with attempting to work a racket ought to be tried in a tennis court. —Baltimore American.

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